

REMARKS

This application has been carefully considered in connection with the Examiner's Action. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the following.

Independent Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Dependent Claims 2, 3, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 36, all of which were previously dependent on Claim 1 been amended to directly depend upon allowed independent Claim 12. Previously independent Claim 8 has been amended to indirectly depend upon allowed independent Claim 12. Claims 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 37 and 38 have been amended, and Claims 2, 3, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 36 further amended, to ensure that the claims which now depend upon independent Claims 12 enjoy proper antecedent basis therewith.

In the Final Action dated August 10, 2005, Claims 1-4, 6-8, 11, 24-27 and 36-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 1,398,166 to Winchel, Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in view of Winchel and Claims 9-10, 12 and 28-35 are allowed.

The Applicant respectfully disagrees with the various rejections applied against Claims 1-8, 11, 24-27 and 36-38 and specifically reserves the right to file a Continuation application to further prosecute those claims. However, to permit the subject matter currently indicated as defining allowable subject matter to issue without further delay, the Applicant hereby presents this amendment for consideration by the Examiner. The Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment removes all basis for the various rejections of Claims 1-8, 11, 24-27 and 36-38 as unpatentable over the cited art. More specifically, Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 2-7, 11, 24-27 and 36-38, all of which previously depended upon Claim 1, have been amended to depend on allowed Claim 12. Similarly, independent Claim 8 has been

amended to depend on allowed Claim 12.

As all of the claims previously rejected by the Examiner as unpatentable over the cited art have been amended to depend upon claims previously allowed by the Examiner, the Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration and withdrawal of the various rejections of Claims 1-8, 11, 24-27 and 36-38 and to supplement the prior allowance of Claims 9-10, 12 and 28-35 with the allowance of Claims 2-8, 11, 24-27 and 36-38.

This application is now in condition for allowance and a prompt Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

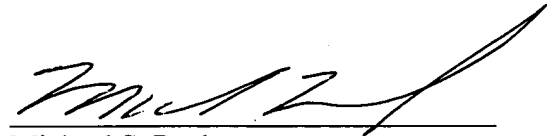
It is believed that there are no fees due in connection with this communication. However, in the event that additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1515, Conley Rose, P.C.

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